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Are in the misty air?
I hang in the periphery hills!
I see a low, deep lover—like a people's prayer,—
In heart-breathed swells and lulls!
I am echo—like the desert's call,—
Back to the shouting shores!
I am the roar's ripple, heard through all,
That plays with the silver oars!
I am only as a team of gold!
The amber breezes flow;
My thoughts to be dreamed of,—but never told,—
Are the flushes of the bow!
I am surged on the burnished sand!
The thousand tongues are mute!
I am the lovely shirt!
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MESSAGE
FROM THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
TO THE TWO HOUSES OF CONGRESS, AT THE
COMMENCEMENT OF THE FIRST SESSION OF
THE TWENTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

Fellow Citizens of the Senate
and House of Representatives.

The act of the 23d of June, 1836, regulating the deposites of the public money, and directing the mode of payment of the Army, Navy, Indian, Pension, Post Office, and Miscellaneous Departments, authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to discontinue the use of such of them as he should at any time select, after giving three months' notice of the intention to withdraw their money therefrom, and to substitute other banks, provided a sufficient number could be obtained to receive the public deposites upon the terms and conditions therein prescribed. The general and almost simultaneous suspension of specie payments by the banks in May last, rendered the enforcement of this duty impracticable, inasmuch as those which had been selected under the act; and made it, at the same time, unreasonable to require of them, or any number of others, upon the prescribed conditions. The specific regulations established by Congress for the deposite and safe keeping of the public money, having thus unexpectedly become inoperative, I felt it to be my duty to afford you an early opportunity for the exercise of your supervisory power over the subject.

I was also led to apprehend that the suspension of specie payments, increasing the embarrassments before existing in the pecuniary affairs of the country, would so far diminish the revenue during the year as to create serious fears that the Treasury, would not, with the means then available, be sufficient to defray the unavoidable expenses of the Government, until the usual period for the meeting of Congress; while the authority to call upon the States, for a portion of the sums deposited with them, was not considered to be available for the purpose in season to afford you an early opportunity for the exercise of your supervisory power over the subject.

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Unforeseen in the organization of the government, and in the whole system of our fiscal affairs, which for the practice of employing banks, was, in truth, from the beginning, now a measure of emergency, and which still be found, it is apparent that the eventual the last among among the people of the United States, to no other duty than the collection, safe keeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue, and to the adoption of such further precautions as may be required to secure the prompt collection of the public dues, and their payment over by the public creditors. Neither the collection nor the payment of the revenue should be conducted in the form of bank credits, nor should the bank be allowed the use of the public money, in any form, without just compensation for the advantage thus derived. Whether the public money shall be deposited with banks or kept in the Treasury, and whether the agents employed in the collection, safe keeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue shall be appointed by the Executive or by the banks, are questions which appertain exclusively to the domestic administration of the Government, and should be so regulated as to give the utmost practicable security to the officers of the Government, the states, and the people, that the money collected from the public debtors shall be safely kept until it is required for the purposes of the Government, or shall be transferred and paid according to law. Experience has shown that neither of the modes of conducting the fiscal affairs of the country heretofore resorted to by the Government, nor any which can be devised, is entirely free from objection; but it is the duty of the Government to adopt that which is liable to the least, and against which the objections are the most easily obviated. Recent occurrences have strongly directed the attention of the people to the imperfections of the banking system, and the subject will undoubtedly claim your serious consideration. The connection of the Government with the banks, as a fiscal agent, would be in disregard of the public views, unless every reasonable precaution were taken to guard against the use of its credit to build up monopolies, to foster stock gambling, or to enable the banks to inflict injury on the community by an undue contraction of the currency. The measures which I have heretofore recommended to you, as a means to the end all remaining duties upon imports, are submitted to your wisdom.

It has since appeared that evils, similar to those suffered by ourselves have been experienced in Great Britain, on the continent, and, indeed, throughout the commercial world; and that, in other countries, as well as in our own, they have been mainly owing to the undue enlargement of the foundations of trade, proceeding, as such, by overtrading, and the profusion of the system of credit. A reference to the occurrences during the present year will show that the credit put in circulation in Great Britain by banks and bankers, during the years 1834, 1835, and 1836, exceeded the sum of 172,000,000 pounds sterling, and that the paper circulation of Great Britain, at the close of the year 1836, was, in the last two quarters of the preceding year, to the amount of more than 20 millions of dollars, and, finally, without recurring to other examples, that the bank credits of the United States, and especially in our great commercial towns, were unduly inflated, and demonstrate the necessity of limiting the business of banking, and the amount of the issues, within the sound and healthful demands of the community.

It was an opinion that such a state of things existed, that led to the proposal of restriction which was resorted to in the middle of the last year, by the Government of the United States, and which, however, had correctly anticipated its necessity.

Extensive embarrassments of individuals in private and in mercantile affairs, and even bankruptcies, became so generally to aggravate them, that they cannot be attributed to any single cause. Among these may be mentioned, as more prominent, the great loss of property by fire, the enormous drain of specie from the United States, in the first two quarters of the present year, to pay for the importations of the preceding year, and the consequent diminution of the circulating medium, the vast credits given by our merchants, in consequence of the favorable course of exchange, and the great facilities afforded by the system of paper credit, to the purchase of foreign goods, and the consequent accumulation of debts, and, finally, without enumerating other causes, the transfer to the United States, from Europe, of a large amount of capital, which had previously been employed in the business of loaning money on the continent of Europe, and in Great Britain, and which was rendered necessary by the great fall in the price of property, and the general derangement of affairs in those countries.

The effects of these causes and others, in Great Britain and the United States, is substantially the history of the revulsion in all other commercial countries.

The present and visible effects of those circumstances are the general pressure, the embarrassment, and the distress which now exist in the United States, and which, in their present degree and form, are limited to the debtor class, and to those whose business is immediately connected with them. The great mass of the people, the laboring classes, the farmers, the planters, and the merchants, are free from debt, and, in the midst of the general embarrassment, are in the receipt of prosperous incomes. The banks, generally, are in a sound condition, and, with the facilities which they afford, are competent to discharge the ordinary business of exchange and deposite, and to afford the customary accommodations to commerce. The great amount of the losses which have been sustained, and are now to be borne, have fallen upon the foreign capitalists who had given credit to our merchants, and upon the individuals who had become indebted for the importations of the years 1835 and 1836. The amount of these losses, and the consequent reduction of the profits of the country, during the present year, will be very large, but they will be limited to the debtor class, and to those who are directly connected with them, and will be temporary in their effects. The evils which have been experienced by the banks, and which have been so extensively communicated to the community, have been mainly owing to the facilities which they have afforded to the system of credits, and to the enlargement of the basis of their operations, beyond the bounds of a safe and sound system. The natural and necessary effect of such a course is to produce a fictitious state of prosperity, to stimulate imprudent speculations, to encourage the creation of debts which cannot be paid, and to cause the subsequent reduction of the circulating medium to be followed by the pressure and distress which are now felt. The history of these causes and effects is the history of the present and of all former seasons of embarrassment.

The banks, in the first instance, are the debtors of the community to the full amount of their issues, and, when they suspend payment, they refuse to perform this branch of the public service without any material addition either to their number or to the present expense. The extent of the business to be performed with fidelity, and with the view and respect to the amount of money with which the officers employed would be entrusted at any one time, it appears that, assuming a balance of five millions to be at all times kept in the Treasury, and the whole of it left in the hands of the collectors and receivers, the proportion of each would not exceed an average of thirty thousand dollars; but that, deducting one million for the use of the mint, and assuming the remaining four and numerous and widely diffused, there are not the number of officers—a supposition deemed more than sufficiently provided with the means for the bonds of each would not be less than the amount of most of the bonds now taken from the receivers of public money.

Every apprehension, however, on the subject, either in respect to the safety of the money, or the faithful discharge of these fiscal incumbrances, may, it appears to me, be effectually removed by adding to the present powers of the Treasury, the establishment by law, at a few important points, of offices for the deposite and disbursement of such portions of the public revenue as cannot, with obvious safety and convenience, be left in the possession of the collectors, and by placing over them, to the public creditors. Neither the collection nor the payment of the revenue should be conducted in the form of bank credits, nor should the bank be allowed the use of the public money, in any form, without just compensation for the advantage thus derived. Whether the public money shall be deposited with banks or kept in the Treasury, and whether the agents employed in the collection, safe keeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue shall be appointed by the Executive or by the banks, are questions which appertain exclusively to the domestic administration of the Government, and should be so regulated as to give the utmost practicable security to the officers of the Government, the states, and the people, that the money collected from the public debtors shall be safely kept until it is required for the purposes of the Government, or shall be transferred and paid according to law. Experience has shown that neither of the modes of conducting the fiscal affairs of the country heretofore resorted to by the Government, nor any which can be devised, is entirely free from objection; but it is the duty of the Government to adopt that which is liable to the least, and against which the objections are the most easily obviated. Recent occurrences have strongly directed the attention of the people to the imperfections of the banking system, and the subject will undoubtedly claim your serious consideration. The connection of the Government with the banks, as a fiscal agent, would be in disregard of the public views, unless every reasonable precaution were taken to guard against the use of its credit to build up monopolies, to foster stock gambling, or to enable the banks to inflict injury on the community by an undue contraction of the currency. The measures which I have heretofore recommended to you, as a means to the end all remaining duties upon imports, are submitted to your wisdom.

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To Readers and Correspondents.

"Varner" is an inexperienced writer, we commend him to try again. "The Wish" possess merit, although not enough for insertion.

"C. B. B." will appear soon.

"Enos" we cannot read.

"Veritas" is under consideration.

In notice in the proceedings of Councils for last week, that a petition was presented on behalf of the United States and Philadelphia ks, asking that Chesnut street, between 4th and 5th, should be paved with wood. The petiion was referred to the Committee on High, who we trust will direct this experiment to be commenced with as little delay as may be consistent with safety. At the same time, an ordiance was passed, appropriating $6000 towards aying Washington Square and the adjacent reets with gas, and $2000 for additional imrovements in other streets and squares within ome of the city.

The annual appropriation for the building of ood College has been limited to $60,000 for he present year. Alexander Dallas Bache, the uperintendent of the Girard College at Paris, ha now of examining the system of public schools as employed there. Every facility has been afforded him for this purpose by the French Government, and some of the most valuable documents ave to the subject have been presented to

CERTIFICATES.

ere were issued during the month, in the small coun ion notes of the towns in the neighbourhood—Trenton, Reading, Lancaster, Columbia, Pottsville, Williamsport, Baltimore, &c.—which is a difficult to judge, with any accuracy, bout taking notes redeemable at distance.

ne or more of our grocers and dry merchants would advertise to receive notes at their par value for goods—they ould doubt hardly themselves as well as e service to their fellow citizens.

weather has been most delightful for a two past, in our city. When we state ould not possibly be more pleasant, our readers will have an idea of the advanur citizens in the month of September.

TWENTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

Administration party have a majority of the Senate, and of 2 in the House of Re-

Horton, a very passable second rate vo- has been giving concerts in the various ops at the Chesnut St. Theatre.

Hundred Guns were fired on Saturday, rate the Wing victory in Rhode Island. ook took place on the Delaware, opposite

pondent suggests the propriety of Temperance House in this city, for mmodation of our friends from the nteresting to strangers. The suggestion is a good one, if it can to bear, but we have doubts of it

The communication will be published

ort of the Postmaster General briefly ounces that he has been under the necessity to be paid in specie, and that no ld be issued to set the suspension Sub-Treasury scheme in operation.

The professions of liberty and the rights of the people, and the pretended republican tenets that are thickly interspersed through this document, we are persuaded will not blind the public to its real purport. The old watchword, in which it is enfolded will not screen its real intent. The professions of pity for the sufferings of the merchants, is a covert insinuation that they are the only class of community exposed to embarrassment and suffering from the pressure; and the insolous parallel drawn between them and the hardy class of community those engaged in agricultural pursuits, will be fully understood and appreciated by our readers.

In the course of next week, we trust we shall be able to present a specific view of the measures of the Administration press upon this subject. A desire to give our readers ample information on the subject produced by the change in all quarters, is our motive, and if we award greatly mistaken, *all parties* except the Radical will concur in the opinion above stated.

In regard to the late message, this document though evidently unsignal, is not inferior to the ordinary run of State papers. There is nothing like new sentiments in the contents, and it is as open and explicit in its details, as could be expected.

We cannot think the leave of this subject without expressing our opinion, that the Sub-treasury system, recommended in this document is the most dangerous engine of corruption that could be placed under the control of the Executive. It may possibly if adopted succeed in restoring prosperity to the inhabitants of the United States, but it may also throw the whole country into still greater distress than that which they endure at present—but whatever may be its final result, it will not be felt by a *nation of freemen*.

BANK CONVENTION.

In our last week's paper we overruled the reader with the circular of the New York Banks, inviting a Convention for the purpose of taking measures for the resumption of specie payment. The Banks of Philadelphia, to join in concert with others it was sent, have returned a reply disapproving of the measure, and stating whatever may be the decision of the Bank Convention for this purpose. These reasons are, the decree of awaiting the action of Congress upon the subject, and arousing the imputation of a desire to influence the deliberations of that body, the diversity of interests that would be represented in the Convention, and their not being possible in the time to name any period for their resumption.

Now we cannot help regarding this reply of the City Banks as an evasion and nothing more to a proposition that is made in earnestness and good faith. The N. Y. circular proposes the meeting of the delegates to the Convention to be on October; their action is proposed to take effect on October; their action is proposed to take effect on October; their action is proposed to take effect

Variety's the Spice of Life,
That gives it all its Savours.

TO DANDIES.

"Ye mincing, sparking, smock-face pretty things,
With corsets laced as tight as fiddle strings;
Clustered as a nosegay, and as sweet withal—
About the waist D'sharp, the pure B flat—
Ye comping super-serviceable slaves,
Ye self-esteeming, brainless, heartless knaves,
Ye lizard-looking apes with cat-fish gills—
Ye scoundrels! go and pay your tailors' bills.

LANGUAGE OF THE COLONY OF NEW YORK SECRETLY YEARS AGO.—English was the prevailing language, but the Dutch was so much used in some counties, that it was difficult to obtain a person sufficiently acquainted with the English to serve as jurors.

CURIOUS FACT.—It has been found, that in a watch maker's shop the time-pieces or clocks, connected with the same wall or shelf, have such a sympathetic effect in keeping time, that they stop those which beat in irregular time; and if any are at rest, set agoing those which beat accurately.

ANOTHER.—If we listen, it is asserted, to the trotting of a horse, or the tread of our own feet, we cannot but notice that each alternate step is louder than the other, by which we throw the sounds into the order of dissonance. But if we listen to the amble or canter of a horse, we hear every third step to be louder than the first two; owing to the first and third foot striking the ground together. This regularity throws the sounds into the order of triple time.

Said the Spanish lover to his mistress, "Do you love me?" "Yes." "What do you love me for —because I am handsome?" "Oh, yes." "Because I have pretty mustaches?" "Yes" "Because I am young?" "Yes." "Because I dance and sing well?" "Yes." "Because I play on the guitar well?" "Well, what else do you love me for?" "Oh, I love you for all your good qualities." "But if you don't love me for myself, you can never be mine." If the lady had not chanced to be dead as a drowned frog, she was a goose for her pains.

A species of the white whortleberries is found in Massachusetts, and is recommended for puddings, as such fruit is much in demand that time. It is proposed that these berries be domesticated, and cultivated in gardens. The plan is feasible. Cranberries are profitably cultivated in the south part of Massachusetts.

THE DILEMMA OF PROTAGORAS.—Protagoras maintained that all is illusion, and that there is no such thing as truth. But Aristotle refuted him by the following dilemma. Your proposition is true, or false: if it is false, then your assnowered; if true, then there is something true, and your proposition falls.

GALLANTRY OF A FINANCIER.—A financier of Paris, knowing that a lady whom he loved had a strong desire to eat, every year, the first green peas of the season, one day brought her a dish, for which he had paid a hundred crowns.

"Alas, sir," said she, "I cannot avail myself of your attention; my physician has put me on a meiu diet." "Well, madam," answered he, "there is a remedy for every evil, and he counsel the he gives to the cow from which she had her milk.

AMERICANISMS.—" The last time I was in Rhode Island all the girls sang three, and it generally allowed there's no such singers anywhere; they beat the Eye-talians a long while. they are high, some of them, they go clear on to bearin' sometimes like a lark." "He looked just like a man that finds what he's hungry will sooner than thinkin." "Politics take a great deal of time, and grind away a man's bones; never shout as fast as cleanin;' a knife with brick dust; it takes the steel off." "George Beeler —I dare and his master's gone hell of him—he's a funny fellow—he put a mouse over his factory gate, at Lowell." "No cigars or liquors are melted within these walls;' for, said he, the one will set a flame a-goin' among the cotton, and t'other among the gals." "No mortal soul known in Nova Scotia. I do believe that ere country was made on a Saturday night after all the rest of the universe was finished."—*Sayings and Doings of Samuel Slick.*

CHANCE.—"I am old enough," says Stoeber, in a letter to his friend Garrick, "to have seen and observed that we are the playthings of fortune; and that it depends upon something so insignificant and precarious as the tossing up of a half-penny whether a man rises to affluence and honors, or continues to his dying day struggling with the difficulties and cares of life."

HOUSE PAINTING.—A sailor who had just returned from a long voyage, went with a friend to witness some curious performances of a conjurer, who had secretly begun to surprise his spectators when a barrel of gunpowder in the room beneath unexpectedly exploding, blew up the room above, and scattered the conjurer and his apparatus in different parts adjoining the spot. "Zounds!" exclaimed the astonished sailor who suddenly found himself seated on the ground in a neighbor's garden, 'I wonder what trick he means to play next.'

DEFINITIONS.

Colossus of Rhodes—M Adam.
Launched into eternity—Hanged by the neck.
Decimated element—Fresh or salt water.
Merited compliment—Any thing presented by anybody to anybody.
Idiosyncrasy—Self-conceit.
Infanticide—Murder of children.
Lard—Harrangue by an illustrious observer.
Philanthropist—A charitable man.
Pantaloons—Breeches.
Quack doctor.
In consequence of the numerous imitations—Exordium of the first advertisement of a patent medicine.
Native talent—Natural impudence.
A grave subject—A dead body.
Universal accident—Common Impudence.
Unparalleled theatrical splendor—One dozen unwashed supernumeraries, with their heads shaved, tin helmets, and flannel shirts.
The utmost hilarity prevailed—The company drank too much.
A night with a hotel in perspective—The sale of Washington Irving.
"Democracy or numbers—One hundred thousand office-holders.
"To preserve the morals of the people—To place their money beyond their reach.
Current expedient—Turning out the Kitchen Cabinet.
Van Buren's march—*March forth* that.

CROCKETT ON UNION.—I am a real rough-and-ready rifleer of a saw breaker, from thunder and lightning country east. I'm into roses and no salt river seventeen times and I'm not sick'd, I make my breakfast on venison and bear and pork shake, and by way of digesting, wrestle some down with spike and tang occasionally. I take dinner of roast elephants stuff'd with wild cats, onions and all fish bones. I sup on nothing but wood and thunder, the coat of Congress hain't a back, from down east to Tennessee by taking a turn at the General's coat tail. I stick my weight and the General's as mild cats or racoons. I can grin deeper, and split more rails of pleter, and smart mayor Jack Downing from Washington to his uncle Jonathan's Horn Yard, I am just what you may call a real, right, screwer and gaul tearer. I can eat nat, eat, drink, nat work, nat grin, nat snort, and nat whistle, nat eat snacks, nat sleep, nat lie, nay thing in the shape of nats or bread from Maine to Louisianner.

PROFESSOR POISSON.

Persons who travel by the stage coach, when a young Ottoman, fresh from college, was amusing the ladies with a variety of tales, and amongst others, one of a caravan, as he was coming from Saphadan. A Greek in relation, and in a coach to, passed our view, and we observed him in a kind of dog sleep, in a snug corner of the vehicle. Stopping for rum and a cigar, I said to Mahank, young gentleman, said he, you learned on just now with a quantity of lies, I do not like, do not happen to recollect it there. On so replied our tyro, "the quotation is word for word as I have repeated it, and to convince you of it I suspect, sir, that it is some time since you were at college. The professor, he has a son who has his great coat, and taking on a small pocket edition of Sophocles, quietly left the room. I would be kind enough to show him the passage in question in that little book. After supposing the lapse of some time, he replied, I can not find it, I now recollect that the passage is in Euripides. Then, perhaps, sir, said the professor, putting his hand again into his pocket, and handing him a similar edition of that book, you will be so good as to find it for me in that little book. The young Ottoman returned again to his book but with no better success. The tittering of the ladies informed him that he had got into a bubble. At last, Hang me, sir, said he 'now did I am, I recollect now, you, I perfectly remember that the passage is in Aristophon.' The unfortunate pocket, was again applied to, and the professor was in the act of handing him Aristophon, when our astonished youth most vociferated, 'Stop the coach—holloa, coachman, let me out, I say, coachman!' "I say, sir, that there's a fellow here has got the whole Bedlam library in his pocket."

THE PLAGUE IN TURKEY.

Only a day or two since, a poor Greek inhabitant of Therapia, was suddenly attacked with sickness, and as he recognized symptoms of the plague, he immediately proceeded to his cottage; and stopping, ere he reached the threshold, called to his wife, who, astonished at seeing him at so unusual an hour, and struck by the change of his appearance, was about to approach him, when he desired her to stand back; and then calmly telling her he was unwell, although he knew not if from what cause, he desired her to throw him his furred pelisse.—"If it be a mere passing sickness," he added, as he prepared to depart, "it will only cost me a night in the open air; and if it be the plague, you will at least save our few remaining piastres, and the few comforts of the cottage—recommend me to the Virgin and St. Roch." And thus he left his home, and wandered weak and heart sick to the mountains. He felt that the brand was on him, and went to die alone, he knew not how, whether as a wild and frantic maniac, gathering strength from the fever which would turn his blood to fire, and howling like a wild beast, or sinking into the stillness of one kind voice to comfort, or one fond hand to support him, until at length he dropped down in the open the damp earth.

On the morrow the wife hastened to the mountains with food, for she knew that her husband had not taught herself to believe, that the plague had been sent by God, and believed that he would suffer from hunger. She led one of her children by the hand—the favorite child!—and they went long before they found him, for, although the young clever voice of the boy, shouting out his name, was borne far away into the deep recesses of the mountains, there was no answer to the call, the father lay cold and stiff in a gulf of the rock. The anguish of the unfortunate woman may be conceived. In her grief she was prepared towards the body; but the shriek of her child recalled her to a sense of her peril, and the fate of her husband. Instead of flying from the struggle was long and bitter; but at length, she left the body to the wolves and birds, and returned into the village to proclaim her widowhood.

Of a mild and even character in the following anecdotes, which has reference to the same doubtful scourge—A melancholy case was related to me by a lady of Therapia, who had watched, from day to day, the proceedings of one of these little plagues in the Greek colonies, through a telescope. It consisted of a Greek family, in the last stage of the disease, unable to bear the heat, and palsied. The children died first, and the father, who had long drank their young blood more eagerly than the chill stream which moves sluggishly through the veins of an old man, was the last victim. The old couple were left alone. They used to sit side by side for hours, under the fig tree in the village, the birth place of their dead ones, whom they had put into the earth with their own hands; but within a week, the childless mother sickened in her turn, and the grey old man drank deep at the fountain of tears as fast as the true, from beneath which his stricken wife had no longer power to raise her head. He wetted her lips, and he put the bread into her grasp; but all this came at last to nothing, and, with his lean and trembling hands, he scratched her a grave, under the shadows of the tree that she had loved in life; and when he had hidden her from his sight, he lay down across the narrow mound to die in his turn.—*Miss Fortier's City of the Sultan.*

THE PRINTER'S MONKEY.

A printer who served his time in Londonderry, Ireland' tells a very good story of the imitative genius of a negro boy, who was bound to the property of an apprentice boy, who, having won him in a raffling match, brought him home and left him to his stand.

There Mr. Skipjack, who, was an observing character, had a favorite monkey, and to learn the printer's trade; at least so far as it could be learned by merely watching the motions of others. How far he profited by it will presently appear. If he did not, in fact, make very satisfactory progress, it was certainly not for the want of close observation on his part.

He watched the movements of his young master with the most profound attention. He observed that he took off his coat before he began to work, and then put it on again when he left them. But it was the latter which most especially struck him. He saw that it was the signal for the lots of metal about him, into the various departments of the printing office, and the order of their succession. In fact he was a complete master of the whole economy of the establishment in a very short time, and began to meditate with that view about which he knew nothing. The manufacture was commenced. A large tub was placed in the middle of the floor, filled with water. A tin pan was then set upon the floor, and the monkey commenced his operations. Every busy urchin had a finger in it—except a few, who lodged their fingers in their mouths, as other stood inactive spectators of the scene. Flour was thrown into the pan in an abortive quantities by one, while another put in the ingredients, and the dozen; as each one cracked a shell upon the edge of the pan, the contents of the shell were said to beat up the delectable mass, and the whole was poured out into a sieve, and when it was thrown into a pot, under which a brisk fire was kindled, and the whole affair seemed to be going on swimmingly.

"Good!" suddenly exclaimed one, "I'll bet a fip we don't have a fine dish."

To take off the pot, untie the bag, and throw the pudding into a dish, was the work of a few minutes. Again with its treasure on the blazing faggots. It had not been there long when one or another muttered the suspicion that they had forgot the sugar!

"Fact!" said the urchin—"haul off the pot! Francis, bring the sugar-bowl."

In a few minutes the flames were again carrying about the bottom of the smutty kettle, and a dinner of fine pudding was made the three chief cookies chuckle with delight.

Martin, don't you assume that it was done; and the empty bowl was given to Francis, with a open declaration that it was undoubtedly thoroughly done, the pot was taken from the fire, and a large platter brought for the reception of the pudding. How the little eager fellows did gather round the clay like vessels, and grin as Andrew approached to take it up. What a dinner they were to have! Another take of the lot.

"Duration."

"What's the matter?"

"The pot's as dry as if it never had a drop of water in it, and the pudding is burnt all to cinders."

Much the less dinner there was in removing the cloth. But a glance at the revealed mass of burnt flour, cinders, and boiled eggs, soon confirmed each in the opinion that there would be no dinner. They felt disgraced and chagrined, and stood aloof from the pudding. Martin was passing, peeped in at the window, and smiled knowingly. He guessed what was the matter. It was a nefarious trick—said the boys could not have done it—and they were marked on each face, and soon ascertained the cause. Uncle Samuel was a universal favorite, and very uncompromising when decided. He quietly roused the eyes to the monkey, who still sat in the corner the inexorable Nubbins.

"Will you cause these children a pudding, Nash?" Not one their misfortune.

"Say when, and how big," said Nicholas, with an arch simile of mischief in his eye, "and you shall have it."

Plum pudding is a very fine thing, reader, but it is not every one that can cook to make it. This by way of moral.—*Forrick.*

SPANISH HEROISM.

Fatigued and exhausted by forced marches, the French army, under the command of Soult, arrived before the monastery of Eguesra in Spain. The general of the regiment, a Frenchman, sent to demand a free passage, and the necessary refreshments for the men, as well as for the staff commanding the whole division. The prior with some of the monks, came out to meet the French general, and told him that the attendants would provide for the soldiers, but that he himself would prepare a frugal meal for the staff. The prior's offer was accepted. Captain Noel received some commission for the regiment, and went in an hour after with the staff. Judge of the grief that the dinner was served up in the refectory, in the presence of the monks! The general was aware that the French in Spain had reason to complain of the inhospitality with which they was offered by the natives, on and the prior to dine with them; he and two other monks accepted the invitation, and sat down to table, where they found that he fell himself flattered by it. After the dinner, which lasted forty hours, the prior, with grace, carved, rail of every dish first, and with the same ceremony drank of the wine, and ate plentifully with his guests. It was not till towards the end of the repast that Captain Noel returned, and was being about to leave the room, the general's patience no longer than he expected. During that time, the prior and his brethren had taken their refreshment, and only participated in the lively conversation which was carried on by the other guests, at the monastery. The general, in particular, was delighted with the prior, whose kind receptions had surpassed all expectation. Suddenly however the cheerfulness of the party was interrupted by a tremendous noise. A roar from his seat, thanked the company for the honor they had done him, and gave the word for asking if any of them had allusrs to settle in the way of finishing with employers. "For, gentlemen, is the last meal you and I shall take on earth in an hour we shall all be before the judgment seat of God." A cold, trembling horror seized the amazed guests, for the prior and his two monks had removed the wine in which they had poisoned the French officers. All the antidotes of the French physicians were in vain, for in half an hour every man of them had ceased to live.

There are not less than 50,000 persons in Germany who have written a book! The phrenologists say, that of the books published in Germany, the most is fellows' here but the old intellectual, next to them the Scotch.

MY UNCLE'S PLUM PUDDING.

Reader, I believe I must tell you a story about my uncle's plum pudding. This was a dish that Uncle Samuel's numerous family never very fond of. You must know that he had the charge of some dozen youngsters, whom he fored it very difficult to please. He was very attentive to their wants, and furnished them daily with fresh pies, tarts, cards, and other articles in extravagant abundance. But the little fellows after a while grew tired of these, and began to cry about for something new, and something better. The consequence of the introduction of the plum pudding to the table of the dainty complainants was as follows: They began anon, I say, to complain of the unvaried sameness and oldness of their messes. Grumbling and pouting succeeded, which increased, and soon all the tears were carried from the table untasted. This placed Uncle Samuel under a most mortifying and perplexing situation. The youngsters must be gratified—that was necessary to the peace and quiet of the family. How should it be done? Uncle Samuel loved his nephews and godsons right fatherly, and would exceedingly willingly have done he would lay down his case, across his legs, turn his toes up, and die rather than see a sorrow, or thinking upon the difficulties attending his situation as a guardian and provider to such a large batch of children, manifested the interest he felt in their happiness and comfort. He was sitting in his study, one day, in a very pensive mood, when his reverie was disturbed by a little fellow, who had been bouncing in his room unperceived, in a yell of delight!

"Uncle, uncle! come down! do! here's a man that's got the *nicest pudding*—O its so good! you'll buy it, won't you, uncle?"

"Pudding!" thought Uncle Samuel; and picking up his cane, he followed the intruder down stairs.

"Dear uncle, do have some made!" was heard on the stairs. In fact every one was crying for plum pudding, steaming temptingly on a large platter. He had given them all a treat. The old couple were left alone. They used to sit side by side for hours, under the fig tree in the village, the birth place of their dead ones, whom they had put into the earth with their own hands; but within a week, the childless mother sickened in her turn, and the grey old man drank deep at the fountain of tears as fast as the true, from beneath which his stricken wife had no longer power to raise her head. He wetted her lips, and he put the bread into her grasp; but all this came at last to nothing, and, with his lean and trembling hands, he scratched her a grave, under the shadows of the tree that she had loved in life; and when he had hidden her from his sight, he lay down across the narrow mound to die in his turn.—*Miss Fortier's City of the Sultan.*

THE TABLE.

Veal.

The fore-quarter of a calf comprises the neck, breast, and shoulder: the hind-quarter consists of the loin, fillet, and knuckle. Separate dishes are made of the head, heart, liver, and sweetbread. The flesh of good veal is firm and dry, the fat pure and white. The loin is the most delicate red, and the fat quite white. In buying the head see that the eyes look full, plump, and lively. In dressing veal be sure that calf has been killed too long. In buying calves' feet for jelly or soup, endeavour to get those that have been singed only, and not skinned; as a great deal of nutritious substance is contained in the skin. Veal should always be thoroughly cooked, and never brought to table rare or under-done. Boiled veal, with its own gravy, is nourishing in the meat or gravy is disgusting.

Veal suet may be used as a substitute for that of beef; also veal-dripping.

To House a Leg of Pork.

Take a knife and score the skin across in narrow stripes (you may cross it again so as to form diamonds); and rub in some powdered sage, with a little salt and pepper mixed with it; a stuffing of minced onion and sage, breadcrumbs, pepper, salt, and plenty of sage. Fasten it down with a buttered string, or with skewers. You may make slight incisions in the meat of the large end of the leg, and stuff them also; pressing in the filling very hard. Rub a little sweet oil all over the skin with a brush or a goose-feather, to make it crisp and of a handsome brown. Do not baste it, but do not neglect it when we saw the tree a week ago, not a single living leaf was on it—its insolence foe had been at it with his infernal breath.

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